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FM AMEMBASSY MEXICO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 8803

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, EMIN, MX

SUBJECT: PROPOSED GOM PURCHASE OF KAOLIN PLANT COMPLEX

FOR COMMERCE

1. LIC. CARLOS DIAZ CARDUNO, OFFICIAL WITH GOM COMMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THE RIO BALSAS AREA, COMMUNICATED ON URGENT BASIS WITH EMBASSY'S MINERALS OFFICER TODAY TO SEEK INFORMATION NEEDED BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13 IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR NOVEMBER 14 MEETING WITH TREASURY SECRETARY LOPEZ PORTILLO.

2. LIC. DIAZ STATED THAT HE WISHES TO RECOMMEND TO TREASURY SECRETARY PURCHASE ON TURNKEY BASIS OF KAOLIN (HYDROUS ALUMINUM SILICATE CLAY) PROCESSING PLANT FROM U.S. SUPPLIER, TOGETHER WITH SATELLITE PLANTS PRODUCING PORCELAIN, SPECIALTY PAPERS, AND PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTS. HE SAID THAT IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING CERTAIN U.S. FIRMS MIGHT BE PREPARED TO BUILD PLANTS. HE REQUESTED THAT EMBASSY PROVIDE GENERAL ORDER-OF-MAGNITUDE ESTIMATE OF COST OF THIS COMPLEX (STATING PRODUCTION FIGURES).

3. IF LIC. DIAZ RECEIVED TENTATIVE APPROVAL FROM TREASURY SECRETARY FOR THIS PROJECT, HE WOULD PLAN FLY IMMEDIATELY TO WASHINGTON TO SPEAK WITH APPROPRIATE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OFFICIALS ABOUT THIS MATTER, AND TO SEEK COMMERCE'S AID IN

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SEARCHING OUT POTENTIAL SUPPLIERS.

4. EMBASSY PREPARED TRANSMIT INFORMATION REQUESTED BY LIC.  
DIAZ DIRECTLY TO HIM IMMEDIATELY ON RECEIPT, HOPEFULLY BEFORE  
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